TOWN OF WAREHAM



54 Marion Road Wareham, Massachusetts 02571

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mary Ann Silva, Town Clerk

FROM:

Joseph F. Murphy, Jr., Town Administrator

DATE:

February 29, 2000

SUBJECT: Annual Election Ballot Question

On February 22, 2000 the Board of Selectmen voted that the following question appear on the ballot of the annual election to be held on April 4, 2000:

"Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section thirteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws which provides that the town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment?

Yes

No"

JFM:es

Board of Selectmen CC:



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Secretary of the Commonwealth Elections Division Room 1705 One Ashburton Place Boston, Massachusetts 02108 **April 11, 2000**

To whom it may concern:

You will find enclosed the certified results of the Town of Wareham's Annual Election held April 4, 2000. The election ballot consisted of two selectmen's, assessors', school committee seats, and one upper cape school committee and housing authority seat. There were also three ballot questions. Results are below:

Question One:

"Shall the town of Wareham vote to Amend Article 7-1(b) of the Charter to read as follows: {b} Periodic Review - the Board of Selectmen shall, in every year which ends in nine, appoint a committee to review the charter, said committee shall submit a report, with recommendations, to the first annual town meeting that ends in zero, concerning any proposed amendments or revisions to the charter which it believes to be necessary or desirable. This article shall become effective in year 1999."

Total:		1,679		637		278
Five	Yes	328	No	112	Blanks	38
Four	Yes	248	No	97	Blanks	40
Three	Yes	358	No	127	Blanks	65
Two	Yes	330	No	154	Blanks	70
One	Yes	415	No	147	Blanks	65
Precinct						

As you may note, the question was accepted by 1,042 votes.

QUESTION TWO:

"Shall the Town of Wareham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to rehabilitate the Memorial Town Hall?"

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Total:		912		1,541		141
Five	Yes	187	No	271	Blanks	20
Four	Yes	132	No	234	Blanks	19
Three	Yes	199	No	319	Blanks	32
Two	Yes	176	No	347	Blanks	31
One	Yes	218	No	370	Blanks	39
Precinct						

As you may note, the question was defeated by 629 votes.

QUESTION THREE:

"Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section thirteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General laws which provides that the town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at that time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment?"

Precinct						
One	Yes	288	No	275	Blanks	64
Two	Yes	243	No	248	Blanks	63
Three	Yes	273	No	228	Blanks	49
Four	Yes	163	No	188	Blanks	34
Five	Yes	233	No	209	Blanks	36
Total:		1,200		1,148		246

As you may note, the question was accepted by 52 votes.

If you require any further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Silva